

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

June 25, 2015

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mayor James Calnon, Councilors Mike Kelly (W2), Dale Dowdle (W3), Paul O'Connell (W4), Becky Kasper (W5), Joshua Kretser (W6)

Absent: Councilor Rachelle Armstrong (W1)

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on June 11, 2015 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Roll call: Councilors Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the weeks ending June 17, 2015 in the amount of \$ 310,512.49 and June 24, 2015 in the amount of \$ 341,808.01 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Roll call: Councilors Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the weeks of June 11 – June 24, 2015
- Report from the Building Inspector's office June 22, 2015
- Report of Public Hearing held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on June 15, 2015
- Building Inspector's Tree Report 2015

RESOLVED: That the reports as listed are hereby ordered received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor O'Connell; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Roll call: Councilors Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

Discussion: Yes

4. CORRESPONDENCE OR RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills Audited by the Common Council for the weeks ending June 19, 2015 in the amount of \$ **787,877.13** and June 26, 2015 in the amount of \$ **1,648,949.74** are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle
Roll call: Councilors Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL:

Jen Boyer spoke about the Hat Trick Challenge 5K.

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Jen Boyer to hold the Hat Trick Challenge 5k on US Oval on Sunday September 20, 2015 at 11am to benefit Chazy Youth Hockey.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor O'Connell
Discussion: Yes
Roll call: Councilors Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves MLD to write-off unpaid final bills from March 1, 2014 to March 31, 2014 in the total amount of \$6,375.10. The percentage of write-offs for this period is .25%.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Kretser
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

C. WHEREAS, The Strand Center for the Arts is applying to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) for a grant under the Environmental Protection Fund for a park project to be located at 25 Brinkerhoff Street, and New York State Council on the Arts Workforce Development Grant, a site located within the territorial jurisdiction of this Common Council City of Plattsburgh; and

WHEREAS, as a requirement under the rules of these programs, said not-for-profit corporation must obtain the "approval/endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located";

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by this august body that the Common Council City of Plattsburgh hereby does approve and endorse the application of The North Country Cultural Center for the Arts for a grant under the Environmental Protection Fund and New York State Council on the Arts Workforce Development Grant, for a park project known as The Strand Theatre Restoration and located within this community.

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative. Councilor Kretser recused himself.)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

D. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the North Country Honor Flight to hold a fund raiser in front of MacDonough Monument on Friday, September 18, 2015 from 7am to 3pm.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

E. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves City Engineer to advertise for bids for Contract # 2015-11 "Ready Mix Concrete."

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor O'Connell

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

F. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor be authorized to sign Change order No. 2 for Contract # 2015-03 “City Marina Building Renovation” in the amount of \$1,509.

By Councilor Dowdle; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Kelly, Dowdle, O’Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

G. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor be authorized to sign Change order No. 6 for Contract # 2014-14 “Champlain Valley Transportation Museum” PIN 7804.83; D03 0445 in the amount of \$11,638.50.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Kelly, Dowdle, O’Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

H. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves a Waiver from the Noise Ordinance for Titan Roofing, Inc. to complete the remainder of a roof project at the Plattsburgh High School (George Angell Drive side of the facility only) between 12 am and 8am Monday thru Friday. The work would begin approximately the 3rd week of July and end the last week of August.

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Discussion: Yes

Roll call: Councilors Kelly, Dowdle, O’Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST: NONE

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION: NONE

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Kasper spoke about the \$300,000 for City Hall building repairs asked City Engineer questions.

City Engineer Kevin Farrington gave the information on City Hall

Councilor Kasper spoke about moving the Council Chambers to the Community Room.

Mayor Calnon said the time to have those discussions is now.

Councilor Dowdle asked if roof repair was part of \$300,000.

City Engineer Kevin Farrington answered yes.

Councilor Dowdle spoke about wheel chair and other access on sidewalks by outside dining restaurants.

Community Development Director Bruce Lawson indicated that Ken Primard is investigating and it will be dealt with to make sure restaurants comply.

Councilor O'Connell spoke about several items concerning and frustrating him. Picnic tables down at the marina, basketball hoops in parks, some Department Heads are more responsive then others.

Mayor Calnon reminded him to include him on all emails so that he can get answers.

Councilor O'Connell asked who is trimming or working at Beach.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Roll call Councilors Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:08pm